

REMARKS

The above-identified application is United States application serial number 09/854,037 filed on May 10, 2001. Claims 21-40 are pending in the application. Claims 21-40 are rejected.

Rejection of Claims Under 35 USC §102

Claims 21-28, 30-37, and 39-40 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Bullock et al (U.S. Patent No. 5,675,358). Applicants have amended the claims to distinguish over the reference. Amended claims are allowable because Bullock does not disclose a "stack displayed as an undivided combined graphic symbol including a completely-shown top pictorial image and one or more underlying pictorial images underlying the top image that are at least partly obscured by overlying pictorial images." In contrast, Bullock et al discloses a picture stack icon (206) which is simply a graphic icon and does not include a pictorial image presentation. The amended claims are further allowable because Bullock et al does not teach "control information directed to the combined graphic symbol performs a function determined by location on the symbol at which the control information is directed."

Regarding claims 23, 24, 32, and 33, Bullock et al further does not disclose a "combined graphic symbol" with a "border separating the top image from underlying images in the picture stack combined graphic symbol" or "borders mutually separating the top and underlying images in the picture stack combined graphic symbol." The picture stack icon described by Bullock et al does not incorporate multiple images or borders separating the images.

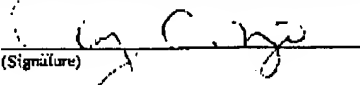
Rejection of Claim Under 35 USC §103

Claims 29 and 38 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Bullock et al in view of Edmunds et al (U.S. Patent No. 5,592,602). Amendments to independent claims 21 and 30 distinguish claims 29 and 38 over the combination of Bullock et al and Edmunds et al.

CONCLUSION

Applicant believes Claims 21-40 are in form for allowance and a notice to that effect is solicited. No new matter has been added. In the event it would facilitate prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at (949) 251-0250.

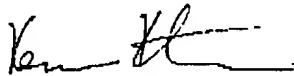
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